

Captioning Transcript for Government Oversight and Audit Committee - August 16, 2022

"Chair Ackerson"

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"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Hello.

"Chair Ackerson"

Hello, what else we hear you.

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Can you hear me?

"Chair Ackerson"

I can hear you, sir now, you're muted.
Can't hear you now, whatever muted yourself.
Reverend Alice, we cannot hear you.

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Can you hear me now?

"Chair Ackerson"

We can hear you now, sir.

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Okay. Who's speaking when accuracy.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

This is

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

great. How are you, sir?

"Chair Ackerson"

I'm marvelous. How about yourself, sir?

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Well, just got out of 1.

"Chair Ackerson"

We just lost your volume again. Sir you don't want to see it again. You're now you're back. I feel like we're in a Verizon commercial. Can you hear me now? Yeah.

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Okay, am I. okay now Okay. I'll be quiet.

"Chair Ackerson"

you're good.
All right, then we're going to get this meeting started, uh.
This is a regular schedule meeting with the government oversight audit committee. I am attending virtually. So, Madame Clark, if you could read the disclaimer, if you could tell us the role.

"Bennett, Olivia"

Okay, this meeting is being held presented to Kara 61.806 in council rule 5, a, just a reminder that all cameras need to be showing. Thank you. And then a committee member purpose.
Calling the roadmap not

"Committee Member Ackerson"

not call the world. Just tell me who's who's on. Oh, okay.

"Bennett, Olivia"

We have a vice chair titanium chambers committee member Fox.
We also have committee member BLACKWELL virtually committee member Fowler committee member, trainee committee member, holding Stewart committee member purpose committee member, read. And that's all I see.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you. Fantastic. So, we've got a quorum. Let's go get going 1st item on our agenda item. Number 1 AP 0810622inin the appointment of Nicole Mallory to the housing authority board. A term expires August 15th. 2023 is the motion motion.
term expires august fifteen th two thousand and twenty three is the motion motion

"Committee Member Fox"

2nd Fox

"Chair Ackerson"

I just brought before us is MS Jackson in chambers.

"Althea Jackson"

I am here.

"Chair Ackerson"

there's Jackson, you have the format them.

"Althea Jackson"

Hi, Ah, Althea Jackson from mere fisher's office we are asking for the appointment of Nicole to the housing authority board. Miss Natalie is really a long time lifetime Jefferson County resident. She is the chief fiduciary officer and regional manager for argent trust company. She is at a district 7 I'm not going to go into her bio because she is here today to introduce. Herself to everyone. So miss now language you come to the podium please.

"Chair Ackerson"

This Natalie, if you will identify yourself on the record, you have the format them.

"Nicole Nally"

Uh, good afternoon. Thank you for having me. I'm Nicole.
Oh, sorry, thank you for having me 1st of all. My name is Nicole.
Uh, not really sure what questions you guys want to ask, but, um, as said native.
I did move away from Jefferson County for about 3 years. My husband passed away so I moved back.
And I'm staying home.

"Chair Ackerson"

Well, miss, maybe you could tell us this, the housing authority board is a very important board of the city.

"Chair Ackerson"

Tell us what it is that your qualifications are and why you like to serve this board.

"Nicole Nally"

Certainly, um.
I have a heart for service. I've started on many boards around the community. Um, I was formally on the housing authority boar before I moved out of county.
Um, so I have an interest in the department and, um. I want to serve.

"Chair Ackerson"

fantastic any other questions or concerns.

And I don't have a queue for me since I'm, I'm out of town at moments.
So.

Uh, my attitude on this 1 colleagues is, if you got a question concern.
You speak up or hold your peace is

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Mr chair. This is.

Vice European, and Tina have a question you got the course. So MS.
the, the housing authority, uh, we've just had a meeting, uh, talking
about, um, rental registries and actually had a lot to do with compliance
of private landowners related to, um,
you know, maintaining appropriate, built their buildings appropriately
for their tenants. Um.

The city is not exactly got the greatest track record on doing this.
Right? And the properties that the housing authority is jurisdiction
overs. So, can you talk a little bit about.

How as a board member, right? So you're not doing it a day to day basis
but as a board member, you would like to.

Make sure that we're providing safe housing and housing that is compliant
with local ordinances laws.

"Nicole Nally"

Absolutely, absolutely. I certainly wouldn't want my family members or
anyone in a home that wasn't safe.

Um, so, yes, that is important. Um.

Also, just being part of, um.

Discussions on how to help folks be self sufficient, you know, educating,
um, housing authority, um, the, the actual residents, um, we tended to
get involved in that as well.

So it's a good opportunity to help and help the city. I'm not 1 to sit
back and complain. I'm willing to stand up and want to help.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

That's great, thank you. And I'd like to follow up on using it as an
opportunity to help residents, improve their self sufficiency. Excellent.
Excellent idea. Thank you. Very much. Mr. chairman.

"Chair Ackerson"

Yeah and I'd say this, we have 3 members that will be pointing today.
To the housing authority, and the reality is, this is the housing
authority service. Some of the schools.

Was vulnerable citizens and, uh, our concern is awfully, is that.

Not only providing housing, but we're providing fair housing.

And then providing decent housing, uh, that we're not having certain
areas fall within the cracks, just because some folks that utilize these
services are are not as privileged as other members of society as for us
as a fluid.

So, anyway, any other questions or concerns regarding this appointment. You know, the questions or concerns this is an appointment that requires a voice in favor say, aye.

All right any opposition.

Your opposition is passed unanimously and she'll be sent to consent calendar. McNally, thank you for your service. Thank you.

The next item on our agenda item number 210600thereappointmentofreverend, Jeffrey Ellis to the housing authority board. A term that expires August 15 2025 is their motion.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Motion

"Chair Ackerson"

yeah, it was probably for us. Ms Jackson, you have the floor. I see where everyone else is on on on camera.

"Althea Jackson"

So, I won't take up much time. We are asking for his reappointment. Reverend Ellis is a long time resident of Jefferson County, Louisville, Jefferson County. He is the pastor of as Barry chapel.

He is at a district 5.

We are again asking for his reappointment to the housing authority board. This will be his last term to serve and rev. Analysis is willing to continue his service for another term.

So, Robin Ellis, would you please introduce yourself and tell why you would like to be reappointed? Please.

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Thank you. Well, I'd like to continue what I've started, which is share of the.

Safety committee looking after the safety of the residence, 35 on the residents or more.

Lou Mitchell, housing authority, um, great group of commissioners.

The executive directors outstanding, and I think that we are doing an outstanding job.

Is released to public housing and things could be better. Oh, sure. But my service has been.

4,500 residents 85 maybe more.

African American or people of color to see that. They get not only.

Productive and safe housing, but that they.

Um, getting involved with the programs that we offer.

Which take people to the next level of home ownership.

We have a program to do that and be very well.

Is utilized very well utilized and I'd just like to continue.

Serving the city after 3 murders.

Of this city storing with Mary.

And then when well, each county judge, some kind of Justin and David Armstrong passed away, served under him and then under.

Mary, and found it to be very stimulating of oh, oh, have dedicated my life.

To community service, not only an area of pattern, but an area of activism.

In this community that I love, so well, and thank you for this opportunity to be reappointed. So.

If it's so be, thank you. Are there any questions or concerns for webinars?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yes. Mr. chair. This is, uh, vice chair team. You have a question for? Yes, sir. So 1st of all Thank you for your service do appreciate it. Uh, I'm going to site.

Um, and and you're frankly, unfortunately, you're gonna get this 1st, and there's 3 other re, appointments here for the housing authority so to prepare for anybody else who is attending from the housing authority I'm going to be asking the same question, but I'm citing the articles and the news.

Came out in late 2011 about the, um, H, Temple Spears. Uh.

A property that's managed by the housing authority.

I'm going to quote some lines from this article.

After a councilman kiesha Dorsey toward it.

Quote, mould broken doors, water damage and dust were immediately seen upon entry. The resident has been living at H, Temple spears for 5 years, and said conditions had been the same from the beginning.

Horrible, but manageable.

None of the logic room. None of the laundry room machines work complaints, gone, answered, need for bug bug bed bug repellent filters hasn't changed for years.

And et cetera, so.

I've got some concerns this is not related to covid, but this is sort of a long standing issue. And can you talk about sir? What.

You, and the board are doing to provide better oversight of the executive director,

and the team at the metro housing authority to ensure that we have better better compliance and living conditions for those that are living in these residences.

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Thank you for that question. 1st of all we've taken over the management which temple spirits ourselves. Actually, I was being the housing authority.

We'll make your housing authority, which I am a commissioner.

Previously, it was under a management company who I believe did not have good communications.

With the housing authority of shell, these things that they talked about in the media.

The things that we have since and are now not only working on, have corrected several of them.

Bad bugs and those kinds of things are not.

And that that's not what we want. It's not where we have.

But is, I would say, to your question to answer your question, we've taken a we being mature housing authority.
The management of these temple spirit, and we intend to continue to do.
To improve, it's just the proper housing for anybody to have to live in.
So, the company that we had no longer the management company that we.
They would started that was going on with it was interested in this happened.
Can you help you that?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Does Thank you very much. Mr. Thank you. Very much. Reverend. Alice. I appreciate the answer. Thank you.

"Chair Ackerson"

And I would say that that's the best answer of all.
Because the reality of the situation is, the housing authority board has now made themselves accountable.
Versus dishing it off on someone else is saying, well, now we're giving someone else a chance. They've taken the bull by the horns themselves and for that, we appreciate.
Any questions or concerns.
Any other questions or concerns this is a deployment that requires a voice vote in favor say, aye.
All right, any opposition in your opposition, that passage unanimously shall be sent to the consent calendar revenue Alice we again, thank you for your continued services, commit to this community, and recognizing this is your last term on the housing authority board I promise you, the city of global will be looking for another board, then you can put your your services to use in this community. Thank you. Sir.

"Rev Geoffrey Ellis"

Thank you. For your service and the committee and Boogie board.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you so much. Thank you. All right we'll move on to the next item on agenda item. Number 308106223appointmentof, Jean, Jean Harris to the housing authority board. Determine expires August 15th, 2025 as their emotional.
housing authority board determine expires august fifteen th two thousand and twenty five as their emotional

"Committee Member Fox"

Motion to approve by Fox.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

2nd.

"Chair Ackerson"

I just dropped enforcement Jackson here before.

"Althea Jackson"

Ms. Harris had a conflict today and so was not able to attend. However, we are asking for to move forward with her reappointment.

Ms Harris is a long time resident of Louisville, Jefferson County. She is currently retired.

However, she is a pastor of Mount Sinai church, but she is retired from metro government where she was a former.

Excuse me, director of the metro office of resilience and community services. Ms. Harris is at a district 25. she is an awesome board member as well as she was at employee.

So we are asking for her re appointment. Appointment

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns that would require us to hold up this appointment?

This is appointment that requires a voice, but also in favor say, aye.

Uh, in opposition in opposition that passage unanimously shall be sent to the consent calendar. The next item on our agenda would be on number 410622mm, the redeployment of merry miles to the housing authority board a term the expires August 15th, 2025. is there a motion.

expires august fifteen th two thousand and twenty five is there a motion

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Motion

"Committee Member Purvis"

2nd purpose.

"Chair Ackerson"

Decided was proper enforcement Jackson here before

"Althea Jackson"

we are asking for the re, appointment of Mary Elizabeth miles to the housing authority.

Oh, Lord, miss miles is another long time. Resident of legal Jefferson County. She is the director of employee relations and talent management with the University of Louisville.

She is at a district 20.

Another great board member that we do want to move forward with Harvey appointment. Ms. mouse is on the is participating virtually today. So miss miles.

Would you please introduce yourself and tell why you would like to be reappointed to the housing authority board?

"Mary Elizabeth Miles"

Thank you. Ms. Jackson I appreciate that. Hi, I'm Mary. Elizabeth files and I am currently working at the University of Louisville as the vice president for human resources.

And I think the question that you all vast is why, and I had the pleasure of I have been a public servant for all of my adult life.

Actually, I work for local metro government before it was little metro government. I think it was a city of Louisville before.

And 1 of the roles that I had was, uh, the director of community action partnership, and for those of you who don't know, uh, that is our local nonprofit organization.

And the mission of community action partnership is to eliminate poverty. So, um, like I said, I had a pleasure of working there and had many relationships in the community with other leaders who are trying to move our most vulnerable.

Citizens forward into self sufficiency into, you know, and beyond self sufficiency, in terms of education and pursuing their dreams.

And so, for me, it's a natural fit that I have the opportunity and have had the opportunity over the last couple of years to serve on the housing authority board.

I believe in the mission, it's certainly aligns with my values.

As a human being, and so it would be a pleasure and honor for you to allow me to move forward.

And my current role on the board is you're all going to be surprised, but I am the chair of the personnel committee.

"Chair Ackerson"

Are there any questions or concerns regarding this appointment? Yes. Um.

"Committee Member Purvis"

Madame chairman, I do have a question um.

Miss smiles, thank you so much for being here. And thank you for your service.

I do have a question or 2 that I would like to ask and you may be able to answer me if not. I'll just try to see the answers somewhere else but I wanted to know. Are there any other examples out there? Like the 8 temporal spears?

Um, that.

I have not been identified as problematic.

Do you have any other housing units that are that have been managed by private entity outside of housing authority?

"Mary Elizabeth Miles"

Fully available, so I'm gonna just so, I don't know specifically I'm gonna say, yes, I think that there are probably other housing.

I mean, we have other properties that are managed by, uh, outside entities, other than the housing authority. Yes, I feel very confident that that is so I do not have any knowledge of the concerns that you raised with that particular.

Um, you know, that that was so widely and broadly broadcast. I will tell you there are complaints.

The time is, there would be, um, but as it relates to people's concerns in in their housing facilities, but I will say that I feel very confident.

And I, and we get regular reports with regards to the responsiveness that the team has, and the priorities that they, they make to make sure that the residents are comfortable and that they are safe and that they are in clean environments. So.

So, in in summary, let me say, yes, I feel confident that there may be other management companies.

No, I do not have any knowledge of anything like that specific instance that you talk about but yes, I am. I'm confident that there are concerns that come forward, but I also am confident that, uh.

That the executive director and her team.

Uh, make it a priority to to take care of any concerns that come forward.

"Committee Member Purvis"

I'm sorry for the interruption, but I also would like to ask you, um, what are your feelings on being proactive.

And, um, eliminating those relationships with the.

From outside entities, and bringing those good jobs back in house.

Bringing those union jobs back in house for.

Uh, uh, to to add employees, uh, to the housing authority.

"Mary Elizabeth Miles"

What do you know? I think that it's so I'm going to use the context of, of where I work now at the University.

We have dorms that that are university dorms that, that, that we, as the university manage and then we have some that we contract out with other other entities to, to manage. And from my.

Perspective, I think that it does come down to the ability of having enough staff to do it and do it. Well, right and so.

I think that I would be absolutely open to us looking at that. As long as we had the resources and the, and the.

And the expertise to make sure that we did it, and that we did it.

Right because in all fairness, I think that there are probably some agencies out there that that do it really well and any, any resource that we have, um,

that we're using in the agency that I just wouldn't want to take away any of the current resources, or the current roles that we have in that agency and divert them somewhere else, if it's going to break something else. So, my answer is.

I am certainly open to it. I certainly see, I can see it both ways.

I certainly think that, you know, the situation that you talked about was an exception and not the rule and so I respect your concern. Um.

So, I hope I have answered your question you have and and, uh.

"Committee Member Purvis"

I'm very concerned about that app in my past life. I was once an outside contractor.

Um, across in a different industry, but in the last thing, I'm going to ask you before I'll stop harassing you. You're not here.

I have spoken, I've spoken with a few of your retired employees that have expressed to me that they have visit the ad deal of.

Going back to work there. Mm. Hmm. Uh, and unfortunately, I guess, reaching out to the powers that be, uh, they're not getting the favorable response that they would like to get.

Is a problem hurry retired employees.

"Mary Elizabeth Miles"

Um, you know what, I have been out of metro government just long enough to not remember.

So, um, I do think that there are there were some provisions in place that had to do with the,

that would prevent someone to retire and then come back in because they would be in the system again. But I know just enough to be dangerous. So, I, I'd be happy to follow up with you.

And get more information, but I do remember just even, um, you know, being a metric government employee that there there could be some concerns there or there had to be a certain amount of time that you left the institution.

And then before you were able to come back, so.

"Committee Member Purvis"

And I would like for you to follow up with me directly, I would like to have a conversation with you, um, outside of this. And as far as the length of time that you're gone, and you can come back.

Yes, I don't know if someone may correct me if I'm wrong, but I think we recycle people all the time around here. Am I right and saying so.

Yeah, but anyway, thank you so much for being here Thank you for your services and I look forward to speaking with you. I likewise, thank you.

Donna. That purpose at Louis dot. Gov. Shoot me an email.

"Mary Elizabeth Miles"

Okay. Thank you.

"Committee Member Fox"

Mr. chair sir

"Chair Ackerson"

sir.

"Committee Member Fox"

Uh, actually there are rules around the patient system to my colleague that require.

Set out periods they also require no re entry back into the pension. You can't double dip.

So, depending with your service to hazardous.

A non hazardous there are rules around that. To my colleague, so she is absolutely correct. Thank you.

"Committee Member Purvis"

Thank you. Fox and at a later date, I'd like for you to.

Just, uh, important share with me where I can find that information.

Um, so I won't know the details, thank you governance, state, statute, thank you any other questions or concerns regarding this appointment.

"Chair Ackerson"

Now, this is an appointment of parts of voice models in favor, say, aye, aye aye, any oppositions in opposition. This passage unanimously shall be sent to the consent calendar miss miles. Thank you for your continued service.

Thank you the next item on our agenda, add number 5080622rbthe re, appointment of Ryan, Richmond to the local convention of business bureau. A term expires August 17th, 2025. is there a motion.

"Committee Member Purvis"

Motion purpose

"Chair Ackerson"

guidance enforcement Jackson you have before.

"Althea Jackson"

So we are asking for the reappointment of Ryan bridgman to the loyal convention and visitors bureau Ryan was appointed last year late. It was in 2021.

he is a longtime resident of Louisville, Jefferson County. He is the CEO and president of manner Inc. he is at a district 16. Inc operates 250. sixteen inc operates two hundred and fifty 50+restaurants across 7 brands throughout the United States, but I won't go into his resume because he is on the call. He has participating virtually.

And so Ryan would you please introduce yourself and tell why you would like to be reappointed? be reappointed

"Ryan Bridgeman"

I think, hi, everyone my name is Ryan bridgeman, as she mentioned president of Amanda Inc, we operate a bunch of restaurants over a number of different brands, all throughout Louisville and Midwest, primarily look forward to being reappointed.

Hopefully, because what the board does, and what they stand for, in terms of promoting economic development. Unbelievable through tourism, as she mentioned, I grew up in the move will feel like not necessarily lifelong, moved away for a little bit, but those will definitely hold a special place.

My heart, and look to serving on this board as a way to get back and, you know.

Crow the city, and into what we all want it to be at thriving a place where visitors want to come and and spend their money. So, with that, I'll open up to any questions.

"Chair Ackerson"

There any questions or concerns regarding this appointment.

Hearing none this is appointment that requires voice models in favor say, aye, aye, any oppositions.

You're not positioning passenger dangerously shall be sent to a consent calendar. Mr. bridgeman Thank you for containing service to this meeting.

"Paula McCraney"

Yes. Mr. chairman.

"Chair Ackerson"

Yes ma'am.

"Paula McCraney"

I had a point of personal privilege. I am so sorry that I didn't get a chance to jump in there before you went to the next item on the agenda. But I wanted to make a comment about the housing authority.

"Chair Ackerson"

Okay, we've passed that though.

"Paula McCraney"

I know, so I thought that perhaps I could make a comment, but cause, I mean, he transition quickly so I will make my comment at a later date.

"Chair Ackerson"

Okay, uh, unless you want to make it quickly, but, I mean, you know, it's.

We can move on. All right Thank you. Madam. The next set of March would be on number 6081622. the redeployment of Chris pointed to local convention and visitors bureau term expires August 16th 2025 is their emotion.

Service yeah, I just dropped enforcement Jackson here the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

we're asking for Chris Poynter's reappointment to the Louisville Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau. Chris has been in level for about twenty-three years. He is a marketing and public relations with Brown Forman.

He is a former employee with Metro government. He is out of District Eight. Also, he is participating virtually today, so Chris, would you introduce yourself or reintroduce yourself and say why you want to be reappointed to the board.

"Chris Poynter"

Thank you, Alfie, and it's so great to see lots of friends on this call, uh, from, uh, many times, uh, in Metro government. And it's good to see you, Paul, on that leadership. Kentucky colleague I am.

I'm really honored to serve on the Global Tourism Board. I've been on there for 4 years. I have now risen to Secretary-Treasurer.

Um, you know, from where I said at Brown Forman, tourism is a very important component of everything we do at the company from old.

To our, and tourism is about jobs, the tourism sector, and mobile employ significant numbers. Um, even though we're down from the pandemic.

We still employ about 50,000 people, and so I look forward to serving for 4 more years if you so approved, and I'd be happy to take any questions.

Are there any questions or concerns regarding this appointment?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

It's Mr. Mr. Chair. This is a Vice Chair doing a quick question. Yes, sir. Mr. Mr. Poynter. This is probably a clear. It seems like it's a clear clear.

I just want to confirm the resume. That's posted attached to your application. Has you working for the Mayor's office quote January, 2011 to current, but then working for Brown Forman in 2018 to current, I'm assuming you terminated.

to current, I'm assuming you terminated.

Employment with the Mayor's office in 2018 when you took the position with Brown Forman, correct?

"Chris Poynter"

Yeah, that's correct. I left city government, the Mayor's office in January 2018.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

got it. Thank you.

"Chair Ackerson"

Any other questions or concerns.

Now, this is an appointment that requires a voice. Photos in favor, say, aye aye, any oppositions.

You're not positioning passage unanimously shall be sent to the consent calendar. Chris. Thank you for your continued service.

"Chris Poynter"

Thank you. Very much. I invite you all to come to brown. Forman have lunch with me. I'd love to love the host. You all.

"Ackerson, Brent"

Oh, thanks there we go. You might get some some takers.

"Committee Member Fox"

What time should we be there?

"Chris Poynter"

Please reach out and I'd be happy to host you on. Thank you.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thanks Chris for your service to our community. The next item on our agenda item. Number 70862thereport is Sarah Robbins to rule convention and visitors bureau term expires July 31st, 2025. 0, motion motion. term expires july thirty first two thousand and twenty five zero motion

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Motion. Piagentini

"Committee Member Fox"

And is there a 4th by Fox?

"Chair Ackerson"

I was probably forced Jackson near the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

ms robins was unable to participate today but we are asking for her reappointment to move forward with her reappointment ms robin's has been a resident of loyal jefferson county for about twenty three years she is employed with the twenty c twenty one c hotel she is at a district sixteen again she's with twenty one c she's the chief operating officer with twenty one c museum Hotels, we are asking for her reappointment. Is there 1 with a question or concern that would require us to hold up this appointment?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

No. Mr. chair but if you don't mind, I would like to point out in addition to her professional experience. Um, she from 995 to 2003, she served as a captain in the U. S.army. Nice to see uh, nice to see a veteran serving in 1 of our in 1 of our, uh, boards as well. So, uh,

wanted to, even though she's not here publicly, thank her for a service. She can see this recording later. So. she can see this recording later so

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you Mr. chair. The army gets a shout out from the Murray. All right.

Any other questions or concerns, and none this requires a voice vote all those in favor say, aye.

Opposite what's that? Anyone in opposition? Mm. Hmm.

Your your microphone is hot, sir. There you go. Now now it's off. Here in your opposition is passage unanimously and shall be sent to the same calendar.

The next item on our agenda item number 8, AP, 0862theappointment of a mirror Granger to the cemetery board. Determine expires April, 13 2024th. Motion for a 2nd problem for us MS. Jackson you had before.

"Althea Jackson"

We are asking for the appointment of a mirror Granger unfortunately, she had a conflict and was unable to participate. Tonight. She is filling a vacancy due to her resignation.

She has been lived in Louisville, Jefferson County for all of her life. She is the community outreach and social work with she is at a district 1 we are asking to move forward with her appointment.

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns that require us to hold up this appointment?

Now, this is the point that requires a voice, but all in favor, say, aye, aye, any oppositions.

During the opposition, this passage unanimously, you should be sent to the consent calendar. The next item on should be out number 9.

Ap, 080600theappointmentofkyle.

Robert to the Jepsen town, fire, protection, district board a term that expires June 32,023 is their motion.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Motion

"Committee Member Purvis"

2nd purpose

"Chair Ackerson"

is that instruct enforcement Jackson before.

"Althea Jackson"

You are asking for the appointment of Kyle rebirth to J. Tam fire protection district board. Mister river has lived, resided in Jefferson County for about 54 years. He is the assistant director of public safety with Bellarmine University.
He lives in district 18. I'm not going to go into his resume because he's here to introduce himself to you. Mr. mr

"Chair Ackerson"

Mr. if you'll identify yourself for the record, you have a floor, sir.

"Kyle Rieber"

Yes, thank you for inviting me here in consideration for the opportunity. My name's Carl. I'm live in Louisville, Kentucky, and I am currently the deputy director of public safety with bellman University. I have served with the fire service for over 36 years and then with public safety together, combined 42 years as you may, or may not be aware in 2018.
I was I ran for a property owner with a, with a district from 2000. with a district from two thousand 14 to 2018, where we merged with Jeff and town fire district at that time, we didn't have any representative from that part of the district. The new required district in Jeff in town.
So that's my main reason for wanting to be appointed is I want to be able to represent that part of the new district. the new district

"Chair Ackerson"

other questions or concerns regarding this appointment no questions concerns this is important that requires a voice vote all in favor say aye
In opposition here, your opposition is passage unanimously it should be sent to the consent calendar.
Thank you for service the next item on are going to be out of number 10. 0810602areinthere appointment of Ricky Mason to the Metropolitan sewer district board a term that expires July 31st, 2025 as a motion to approve.

"Althea Jackson"

The, I just tried to force distraction you had before we are asking for the reappointment of Ricky Mason Ricky has lived in Louisville, Jefferson County for about 4 years. Mr. Mason is the founder of Kentucky. He is at a district 6. I'm not going to go into his resume either, because he is here to introduce himself to you. So Mr Mason would you come up and introduce yourself and tell why you want to be reappointed?

"Ricky Mason"

thank you my name is ricky mason i'm the ceo and founder of brainstem university we educate kids in stem and that's what my background is i'm an engineer and i've had some really cool jobs over my time i've worked at the dod as a weapons test engineer i've actually

launched some rockets at nasa and i worked at the university of kentucky and the college of agriculture developing electronics and computer control systems

For egg, I've enjoyed my time as a member of the board.

I've become the finance chair and the infrastructure here, and it's been awesome to work with an award winning team, the engineering squad at from the water protection tunnel to the covert testing that we've been doing in partnership with you avail and so regionalization.

It's been awesome to see that team over there led by Mr. Tony just as we've grown and begin to regional.

As in the area, so I'd like to continue that work with that awesome team as we.

Continue to grow our system and grow our client base.

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns regarding this appointment?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yes. Mr. chair vice chair.

"Chair Ackerson"

Go ahead.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

So, uh, Mr Mason 2 things.

1st, uh, I'd love to hear more about your time as a computer engineer at the Central Intelligence Agency whenever you have a moment, but that set aside, we did have.

A meeting just a few moments ago related to and related to the way in which they build drainage costs across the county. Um, they didn't certainly didn't do this intentionally.

They were doing it because there was a matter of.

The ability to operate efficiently, but they charge a sort of standard drainage feed all homes, regardless of size or impermeable space. They've undergone some studies they're continuing, and they will be presenting to the board.

It sounds like next month so right. As this is happening on re, changing a lot of this that will go and hopefully go into effect. Next year.

I have an ordinance right now pending that would not be a sweeping change, but.

effect a small group of homeowners that are being overcharged moderately for their drainage fees because of the way msg does this i'm bringing this up because not only what i'd like you to the problem is equity right in that people with smaller homes are getting overcharged larger homes getting under charged for the strange fee because they're using this blanket sort of average rate so whatever they propose my request would be as a board member to advocate for a methodology

And have it implemented as quickly as possible that would properly allocate this fee to homeowners.

So that those living in smaller homes, having less of an impact on drainage aren't getting overcharged those with the larger homes are getting appropriately charged for the impact. They're having drainage.

"Ricky Mason"

So, I actually had the opportunity to review that study and we've actually found that.

Not really overcharging under charging because.

The actual rate that we charge on is about 2024, 100 square feet.

And when we got that study back, the average is about 34, 100 square feet.

Um, for the average home in the city, as far as that blanket.

um rate that's kind of known across the region so Cincinnati kind of charges in a similar way some in Indiana kind of charge a similar way with the blanket rate so I think we probably will see maybe a slight change but it'll probably be a

bigger chunks of those homes maybe that are in the four thousand and five thousand's they'll actually fall into that two thousand dollar I mean two thousand square foot rate and you'll see some of our higher

Square footage users, they'll probably be pushed up. That's kind of what we're.

I'm actually seeing initially

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

yeah, W, we can talk more about that.

Uh, but, you know, what I'm advocating for is, I'm sure there are people that, to your point, if the average I know the average was 2520 that, uh, you know, I'm sure some people live in homes that are 1800 square foot of impermeable space and some that are 2000 some that, you know, so that being the average,

there's some that are gonna be lower and then, of course, some that are going to be higher. Um, and, you know, frankly, for, you know, what I don't wanna have happen is those folks. know what I don't wanna have happen is those folks

And a 1500 square foot.

Space right of which I was 1 of those people when I brought my 1st house was tiny. Right? They're not even in a small I mean, we're not talking huge dollars, but whatever dollars they can get back in their pocket. I'm for it.

And those that are having larger impact that they're paying appropriately for the impact they're having. Right? So, however, that works out whatever, the best and most equitable way to do that I will be in support of it. But I'm working with.

To sort of sort out the best way for my ordinance, and I might match it up to what they're doing, but I certainly want to see them continue moving forward and not delay. And that's really my ask if it was a board member to make sure they keep pushing forward on it. So.

"Chair Ackerson"

Definitely, thank you so much any other questions or concerns regarding this appointment.

You know, this is a problem that requires a voice photos in favor say, aye.

Aye, aye, any oppositions there's no opposition to passage unanimously shall be sent to the consent calendar.

Mr. Mason, thank you for your continued service. The next item in final item on our agenda will be item number 11.

080602cdthereappointmentof Carla, during to the dark board determined expires August 31st, 2025. 0, emotion.

"Committee Member Purvis"

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"Chair Ackerson"

I'm Disrupt enforcement Jackson. You had the floor.

This daring has we are asking for her re, appointment miss daring has lived in Louisville, Jefferson County 21 years. She is a consultant with the Vello group. She is at a district 9. I'm going to ask her to come to the podium.

She is here tonight to introduce re, introduce herself to you and tell why she wants to be reappointed. Reappointed

"Carla Dearing"

Thank you everyone I was actually approved by this committee, uh, the night before, or maybe 2 nights before the departure of the prior executive director.

Uh, I have been here for this entire period.

Which has been a period of significant, significant change and improvement, which I've been a part of and I would like to continue.

At night, I talked about my experience in the areas of technology and finance and governance, and I had no idea how much I would be using those strategic planning, um, kind of across the board.

And, um, we are doing a lot, I could spend a lot more time talking about it, but I like to be reappointed. I'm vice chair now and I'm also chair of the Finance Committee and the organization is facing a significant. Financial issue, which has been put off a bit by all the federal funds that we've received, but is looming and we really want to do the right thing for the organization position it for the future. So that's the work. I would like to continue to do.

"Chair Ackerson"

Steering, and I will ask you this, I'll stop by saying you came to the board.

After the problems arose.

So, you're not to blame for the problems at all uh.

As far as what took place up under the previous executive director.

However, my question is, this is, does the assistant director.

Still work for you all.

No, he does not that and that was, uh.

Randy friends Randy, France. Randy is no longer with you. All. It's not.

I understand perfect. Uh, then I.

Further commend you all for taking steps to make sure that everything's been taken care of.

I did hear you say also though, as I've been suspected torque is going to be facing some financial difficulties in the future. That is a certainty. Is it not?

"Carla Dearing"

It's just a structural issue that we can all see looking at the budget.

"Chair Ackerson"

Gotcha, any other questions or concerns regarding this appointment.

Yes.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Mr. chair vice chair.

"Chair Ackerson"

Okay. Mr. you had the 5th and I believe.

uh counseling purposes raised her finger so she'll have it after you

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Oh, okay, great. Thank you, sir. Uh, Mr. and thank you. And to your point, I actually, when we were prepping, I was, I was looking to see when you were 1st appointed compared to the same thing I was like, well, that was within days, right?

So, your term on this board have been Eventful to say the least, and to chairman akron's point right? You know.

There was a lot of back and forth with the board that was in place at that time when these things happened. And I think rightfully so I mean, that's the level that must.

Have oversight over the executive director.

So, um, but with that said, there were, you're familiar with the dark report, both the 1 that I think slash the administration did plus the 1 that Metro council did we had several recommendations that came out of that,

or there were many many recommendations that came at the end of it, I'm not I don't want to I'm not going to sit here and go 1 by 1. okay. But there's a couple that, you know, might highlight that are important as we're moving forward. And if you can just talk.

About you don't have to dress the specific ones that I mentioned here, but if you could mention how the board.

Has changed and changed in their expectations, the executive director and their leadership from the results of these studies, or these reports. For example, 1 of the big things look.

The, uh, allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment made huge headlines and that was egregious and disgusting.

Somewhat got buried and below, that was a lot of fiscal mismanagement and so 1 of the things that came up was, you know, a contract review committee, right.

To ensure that the merits of the contracts that were in place and that we execute in the future. Because there was evidence of, um.

Of non big contracts, given to questionable right folks review of the budget, or the TV expenditures, particularly of the executive director and executive leadership then of course,

when we're getting into these HR issues, we wanted to make sure there's sort of an independent compliance hotline and all of that, so, can you talk about some of the improvements that were made and your desire to continue making those improvements and make sure we.

In addition to.

I appreciate what you're saying about making sure park's ready for the future. That also ensures we have a great operating structure. So we don't have we're not losing money right? Unnecessarily and we're creating great culture.

So great people can work and do a great job talk. So, you can talk about that a little bit.

"Carla Dearing"

Most significant change that we have made is implemented a very significant committee structure, board committee structure across customer service, which is 1 of our.

So, obviously key issues, human resources.

Finance existed before, but it is taking a much more active role. And in fact, when, um.

Expenditures come to finance. We are very often sending it to other committees.

It's everything's about money and it all needs to be reviewed and strategic planning are also ad hoc committees to deal with specific challenges.

And a perfect example is we have an ad hoc committee that is 1st went through a process of insuring.

We have a process for evaluating our executive director and setting goals and then actually a project to do that, which has been being done right now, as we speak.

But the goal setting and the evaluation, so those, you know, comprehensive.

Top top tier, what a board should be doing is 1 of the most significant things. It's a Super active board.

There's 8 people, it's 4 African Americans, and for white people, we are really committed to taking a fresh look at how the organization operates and we, you know,

we're just extremely active in terms of.

Trying to walk the line between the difference between what the board should strategically focus on and what management should do, but not being shy about, um, giving our feedback and strategic direction. So, those are some key. I, I.

We, we definitely I was, um, you know, I, I, I was.

Part of seeing the parks report and the Committee's report.

And there were important issues that I will tell you, we, as a board, we kept in the back of our mind and helped to work through them.

And I'm really satisfied that we did address the things that.

Both reports thought were important.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Thank you.

Yeah, the committee structure is a huge thing and particularly, for example, is the HR and finance committee, having the ability to point right it shouldn't be the board micromanaging the day to day. Operations is why you hire an executive director, but it's the ability to double check things, right? To get to hear from people other than the executive director only because that was 1 of the problems. Executive director was the.

When talking to the board, so you couldn't vet right? Whether or not what he was saying in this case, he was saying was accurate and true and safety with human resources. Right? Having sort of an independent way to verify that. That's being done.

Well, so very happy to hear this Thank you for taking those reports seriously, because it's not just the chalkboard.

You can hear us talking to board ultimately, as we're holding some of these agencies accountable.

one of the few ways that we have the ability to hold them accountable is through the board right so i really appreciate you taking those seriously and implementing some significant change and if there's any other ways that you need support from this council to continue to improve things please let us know so thank you for your service

"Chair Ackerson"

Cancel purpose you have the floor

"Committee Member Purvis"

Thank you. Mr. chair. Um.

Mis, daring, um, I have some comments and questions and why not I'm just going to say, thank you for hanging in there when the times were really tough. But, um.

As I continue to hear.

From employees and other people in the community, you may help tougher times. Uh.

To come forward to address and Mr. I did want to acknowledge that. Yes, I understand that.

The assistant director is no longer with talk, but I have been made aware, um, allegedly that he is working with, which is the service that has been so problematic with talk.

So, I thought maybe you'd like to know that it has not been a good relationship has not had a good relationship with communities as you are, where some of the problems that they've caused and so now to learn that this individual is no longer with talk. But it's not what MBA that does not set too. Well, with me, um.

I am still hearing that there are some disparities going on within tar and I'm hearing that as before some of the board members are turning a deaf ear to some of the employees request to hear them out.

Um, and so I do want to let, you know that there will be, um, probably, um.

In the future, we'll be looking into some of the things that I keep hearing in the community, because I'm very concerned with what has gone on with talk in the past. So I just want to make mention of that. And again, I wanted to thank you for being here. I think I had something else to say to you, but my colleague before me, countertop loans or kind of like.

Just do it. I don't mind, but that's all right. Uh, but thank you again for being here and I did want to mention that, uh, Mr. France about, uh, Mr. France that is no longer here, but it's still here in some capacity.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you thank you. Ma'am. This comment is very cool.

"Carla Dearing"

I just wanted to mention that, and when we talk about the HR committee and the customer service committee, I just wanted you to know didn't get a chance to mention it before. But we.

Those committees are very much, uh.

Oriented around addressing employee issues and, um.

Rider issues, and we do spend a lot of time on top 3, and we are listening.

To what is being brought forward and we're looking to do things like a 3rd party audit to try to.

Understand what's happening in the marketplace versus what we're hearing, et cetera. So I just want you to know that we do. We are aware of these issues and we are concerned.

"Committee Member Purvis"

And thank you for acknowledging that, and I will let, you know, that, as I get reports of these issues, I am doing my own investigation to confirm what I'm being told.

So, again, there may be a chance to may have to call on you or Mr. I'm sorry, um.

My colleague councilman may have to call you all again to to come here and discuss some of the things that we are hearing and discovering. Thank you.

"Chair Ackerson"

Steering was Mr. France was he involuntary terminated? Or did he leave on his own volition?

"Carla Dearing"

He left on his own volition after a very long process and several months ago.

"Chair Ackerson"

When did you leave on his own volition? Um.

"Carla Dearing"

2, and a half months ago,

"Chair Ackerson"

2, and a half months ago, I will tell you this when I first heard, he was no longer employed as you told me today, I thought well, this is great because as the number of us have pointed out after both the mayor's investigation and the.

Federal Council's investigation, you know, when your 2nd in command, and you see these things happen and you turn a blind eye.

You are, in essence, in my opinion, ratifying the behavior, you're complicit in the behavior.

If nothing else through your silence and when you're that.

High level of an employee to be sound on such important issues.

Is pathetic and what I hear now is first, I hear he's gone, but now I hear.

He left on his own. You all didn't get rid of him to clean house.

Or write the wrong, or send the message to anyone else who might hold this high position in the future that with you turn a blind eye to these shameful acts that you will suffer consequences.

What I'm now hearing is you guys letting resign and go to work for somebody who who's already working with you. So you still in essence, just getting.

Working with you guys, just getting this paycheck from them who gets their contract from, you.

Now, I've gone from being very proud of you have quite frankly.

stupid ashamed of you in the board and that's just my opinion of this.

"Carla Dearing"

Yep, I understand all I can say is that first of all when, when he resigned, we didn't know where he was going. We didn't know as a board. And, secondly, uh, we, as a board did have a concern and did work through the concern.

We may not have worked with it through it in the way in the manner that you're suggesting, but we did work through it.

"Chair Ackerson"

No, because of such anyone else have any questions or concerns.

I will say this I was prepared to be a yes. Vote today. I'm, I'm in. No vote based upon what I've just heard.

Uh, Madam clerk, let's do a roll call.

"Bennett, Olivia"

Committee member purpose

"Committee Member Purvis"

no.

"Bennett, Olivia"

I remember craney

"Committee Member McCraney"

yes.

With reservation and a whole lot of questions and concerns about how you answered the question when you were asked by the chairman, and not being forthcoming with the, with the fact that he has transitioned to that troubled organization. And we will be looking into it further. I'm glad for the no boats that I'm hearing today.

"Bennett, Olivia"

Do you remember black? Well, Tony, a member.

"Committee Member Fowler"

Yes, my buried.

"Scott Reed"

Yes,

"Bennett, Olivia"

committee member Winkler.
Committee member sorry vice chair. Excuse me? Sir?
Committee remember Benson committee member holton Stewart.
Sorry, man yes.
Thank you. And chair ackrason.
You.
Motion passes sir.

"Carla Dearing"

This process it should be.
Yes, ma'am. Yes, thank Thank you. Everyone. And I just wanted to say that I didn't connect the dots.
From the 1st question to the question about where he ended up, and I just telling you, I just didn't connect those dots, but we welcome.
Absolutely. We need to work through these issues and we will.

"Chair Ackerson"

And that's that's what we're expecting after numerous investigations and money spent.
We're expecting a 180 on how things are handled.

And the fact that we've got, in my opinion again, in my opinion, a troubled, highly paid employee. That the way we deal with is we just shipping to a different department, or in this case, to to a subcontractor does not send the message this means that we should be sending. So, and that's why you got some, the notes, and I'll continue to be a no vote on things until I feel like we have done a 100. hundred I know that it's not solely on your shoulders Madam there is a board involved, but again, it's about accountability and a. You know, those are the top are the most accountable and, uh, it's the entire board. So anyway, without. Yes, sir box.

"Committee Member Fox"

Let's wait observation, you know, a lot of that. Is on the current director as well if you remember when she was before this body a question her about that specifically because if memory serves from a reading of the dark report, and I don't have it in front of me but either report you read comments were made that were inappropriate by the former director with the assistant director standing right there. And you hit the nail on the head in your comments earlier. And when I found the, the new director had retained him on the staff. They gave me cause for alarm with her as it did with this current vote. With Mr. so it may be time for us as a committee to, to bring the director back in here. And and get answers to some of these questions.

"Committee Member Reed"

Thank you. Mr. chair? Yes, sir. Mr. chair. Scott here. Really quickly. What I remember is that the current director essentially said that she needed in there for his advice. And his expertise, and I, I remember that, uh. Pretty vividly actually, and I was a little surprised at the time. So I agree with calcium and Fox. I believe that it's time to bring director Butler back and ask her some questions.

"Chair Ackerson"

Well, let's not forget the director, but we're also the answers to the board. So, you know, you're right that, and we'll look to to bring her back. I will put that on our radar, so we can have some more discussions. But again, my attitude is, is we hold the boards accountable. Also these situations without if anyone else is to.

"Committee Member McCraney"

Yes, ma'am with that said, I would recommend that we bring the board chariot.

"Chair Ackerson"

Okay, I will make a note to Mr. Noble to line up a meeting that we get the board chair in that we get the executive director in and we'll have some more questions for them.

"Committee Member Fox"

Mr. Noble is present in chambers and he acknowledged.

"Chair Ackerson"

Request I figured he was in the back.

"Committee Member Purvis"

This Mr. chair I'd like to know at that time, when we discussed some of the disparities, uh, that I have looked into and found a lot of. Concrete evidence when we discussed that with the board and the executive director at that time. Yes. Madam, the floor will be open to those discussions. My suggestion to you would be this.

"Chair Ackerson"

Email each member of the committee, what your concerns are, and the evidence you have, and also email the board. Chair and the executive director of target so they'll be prepared to answer that. So they don't come before to say, well, I don't have an answer, but we'll look into it. Let's go ahead and tell them the questions in advance.

"Committee Member Purvis"

And get down to the to the nitty gritty at that time and for the record, let it be known that Mr. France is not the only person that needs to leave talk.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you I look forward to the discussion that you will bring to the table at that time. All right, so this last appointment will go to old business because of the no votes. And with that unless someone else has something for the committee, we stand adjourned. Where Jack. Okay.